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We Are...Marshall!

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Campaign Exceeds Halfway Point

Marshall's Campaign for National Prominence, which began its public phase last September, has exceeded the halfway point, according to Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and one of the campaign directors.

Currently, gifts and pledges total \$52,913,000, more than half-way to the goal of \$100 million, Spears said.

"We've had a substantial outpouring of individuals who want to help



the
**Campaign
for National
Prominence**
Marshall University

Marshall University reach its campaign goal of \$100 million," Spears said. "We're very pleased with the progress we are making. We are on target."

Spears said several individuals have made "significant commitments" to the campaign in recent weeks and months. Among those are Marshall alumni Selby and Donna Wellman.

"The national profile that Selby and Donna Wellman hold personifies the legacy of the sons and
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Faculty Service Award to Honor Carolyn Hunter

The MU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the first annual Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award. The deadline for nominations is March 31.

The \$1,000 award is named in honor of Dr. Carolyn Brindle Hunter, an outstanding teacher, administrator and employee whose dedication and loyalty to Marshall University spanned a 30-year period.

Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development and Assistant to the President, said Hunter's good works will be recognized for years to come by university administrators, faculty, staff and students.

The award was created by the MU Alumni Association for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievements and providing incentives for continued service from faculty to the community, the university and students in their respective fields.

The award will be evaluated in three categories:

Professional Service to the Community: Examples include speaking to the community on a subject dealing with the nominee's field, social service, etc.

Service to the University: Includes serving on committees within the university, participating in Welcome Weekend and Student Orientation, serving

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Business College Welcomes Executives in Residence

Three prominent business executives will give presentations for the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business' Executive in Residence program March 25, March 26 and April 3 in Room 105 of Corbly Hall.

Selby Wellman, Dr. Anil Sharma and John Rulli will speak to students about their businesses and how their careers developed.

Wellman was Senior Vice President and General Manager of the InterWorks Business Division and the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina Corporate Site Executive for Cisco Systems, Inc. A graduate of the MU College of Business, he currently serves as a vice chair of the Marshall Campaign for National Prominence. He also is a member of the boards of Workscape, a Boston-based company providing Web-based workforce optimization software, and Red Hat Inc., an RTP-based company in the Linux Open Source software business. Prior to working at Cisco, he worked at FiberCom, Paradyne, and IBM.

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Dr. Carolyn Hunter, who recently retired as Vice President for Development, will be honored by a faculty service award in her name.

Moms to Take Their Turn at Marshall

Women and mothers of all ages are invited to explore the idea of continuing their education at Marshall University.

Mom's Turn to Learn Day, formerly Take Our Moms to School, is an opportunity for women to visit the Huntington campus, collect information and even attend classes. A free daytime and evening program will be offered Monday, March 24.

"Women lead increasingly rich and complicated lives, and sometimes find later in life that they want to continue their education," said Susan Jackson, coordinator of Women's Studies at Marshall. "This event offers them the opportunity to check out Marshall to see if college is right for them."

Each program begins in the Memorial Student Center. Lunch will be provided free to participants

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daughters of Marshall University," Spears said. "We look forward to having their names on our Pathway of Prominence."

President Dan Angel said he is pleased with the campaign's progress.

"We are a little ahead of where we'd hoped to be at this point," he said. "At this rate we are excited about meeting or exceeding our goal of \$100 million by the end of 2005."

Five areas of particular need have been identified for the campaign. They include student support; faculty support; program support; facilities; and enhanced student experience.

For more information on the different methods of giving to the campaign, contact the development office at ext. 6214, or visit the campaign Web site at www.mucampaign.com.

with a name tag and lunch ticket. The schedule offers daytime and evening programs as follows:

Daytime Program:

- 9 - 10 a.m. - Welcome to Marshall, coffee provided
- 10-11 a.m. - Admissions Open House
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Panel discussion with informal Q & A session
- 12:30 - 2 p.m. - Lunch, free with name tag and lunch ticket
- 2 p.m. - Campus tour
- 2 - 5 p.m. - Library tours, classroom visits

Evening Program:

- 5 - 6 p.m. - Welcome to Marshall
- 6 - 6:30 p.m. - campus tour
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Admissions open house
- 7:30 - 9 p.m. - panel discussion and informal Q & A session

For more information, contact Jackson at ext. 2896, or by e-mail at jackson@marshall.edu.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Solen Dikener's new compact disc recording, *Turkish Music in the Western Idiom*, is being published in Turkey. The project is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and the recordings feature the living Turkish composer Lihan Baran's chamber music compositions in Western style.

Dr. Jennifer Mak, assistant professor, and **Dr. Sandra D. Parker**, professor, in the Division of Exercise Science, Sport and Recreation, together with Dr. Barbara J. Boley, of the University of Rio Grande, will present a paper, "The Effects of Socio-demographic Variables on the Leisure Satisfaction and Leisure Participation of Older Adults," at the 2003 National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Philadelphia, Pa., April 1-5.

Several faculty members in the College of Education and Human Services and a graduate student in Counseling presented four papers at the 2003 Eastern Educational Research Association held in Hilton Head, S.C. They include: **James Sottile Jr.**, **Carl Johnson**, **Ruth Ann Murphy** and **Thomas Klein**, "Using Manipulatives: Is it Worth It? The Impact on Student Development"; **Ruth Ann Murphy**, **Sissy Isaacs**, and **James Sottile Jr.**, "What Do Preservice Elementary Education Teachers Think About Mathematics: Is Self-efficacy Really An Issue?"; **Sissy Isaacs**, **Ruth Ann Murphy**, **James Sottile Jr.**, and **Paula Lucas**, "What Characteristics Do Preservice Teachers Report a 'Good' Teacher Should Have to Empower Learners?"; **Kara Loving** and **James Sottile Jr.**, "Let's Talk About Sex: A Study of Preservice Teachers' Knowledge regarding Human Sexuality and Human Development."

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of April 4, 2003. Deadline is March 28. Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat

Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Yeager Presents Gift to Namesake Society

Brigadier General (Retired) Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager has presented a check for \$50,000 to the Society of Yeager Scholars from the newly formed General Chuck Yeager Foundation.

The presentation was made last fall during Yeager's annual visit to Marshall University to meet the incoming class of scholars during the Yeager Symposium, a week-long event sponsored by Verizon to thank the community for its support of the program. The check was presented to Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the Yeager program, at the board of directors meeting on the final day of the Symposium.

"I'm pleased to present this check to Martha, the diesel engine that keeps the Yeager Scholars program running," Yeager said. "I had to sign a lot of model airplanes to make this gift possible," he joked, "but when I meet these remarkable young people with such a thirst for knowledge I know it's well worth it."

"General Yeager continues to surprise and inspire," Woodward commented. "He truly exemplifies the ideals and image of an American hero."

Yeager has been extremely generous in contributing much of his personal memorabilia to Marshall University. Currently the collection includes the pitot tube from *Glamorous Glennis*, the famous Bell X-1 the general flew during his legendary flight to break the sound barrier on October 14, 1947. The pitot tube, located three feet in front of the nose of the X-1 to measure speed and altitude, was the first part of the aircraft to go supersonic. He has also donated models and photographs of all the planes he has flown, to Marshall, as well as other photo-

Search Continues for 90,000th Graduate

Nominations to select a representative from Marshall's 2003 graduating class to be a role model spokesperson for all previous MU alumni as the university celebrates its 90,000 graduates, are due by March 30, according to Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development and Assistant to the President.

A nomination process is being used to determine the representative who will be honored at the May 10 commencement ceremony.

A nominee must be receiving his or her undergraduate degree with at least a 3.00 GPA and be in good academic and social standing with the university. Graduates may be self-nominated or nominated by others. The nominations should include a maximum 300-word, typed essay on why the nominee should be chosen for this honor. A nomination form can be accessed through www.marshall.edu/alumni.

All nomination forms and essays should be sent to Alumni Relations, Attn: Lance West, Vice President for Alumni Development.

graphs, portraits, letters, and historical items.

The Yeager collection is showcased in the renovated Morrow Library with funding from the Jeannine Y. Francis Charitable Foundation Trust.

The Society of Yeager Scholars was founded in 1986 to attract students to Marshall University with the "right stuff" to make a difference in the world. Only the "best of the best" are invited to become Yeager Scholars and those selected are rewarded with a full four-year scholarship including tuition, room and board, a semester abroad and a summer course at Oxford University.

Funding for the Society of Yeager Scholars comes primarily from private gifts through an endowment administered by the Marshall University Foundation. The Society's goal is to raise \$11 million during the Campaign for National Prominence to permanently fund the scholarship program. For more information, contact the Yeager Scholars office at (800) 438-5395.

MCTC Invites Comments

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association will visit the Marshall Community and Technical College (MCTC) from April 28 to April 30, 2003. The purpose of this visit is to evaluate whether MCTC meets the General Institutional Requirements and Criteria for independent accreditation. A successful outcome from this visit will enable MCTC to maintain an institutional relationship with Marshall University but function essentially as an independent institution.

You are invited to send any comments about Marshall Community and Technical College programs and services directly to the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association, 30 North La Salle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504. All comments must be signed.

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on the MUAA Alumni Boards, etc.

Service to Students: Being an advisor to a student organization, etc.

Administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni may nominate individuals by completing a nomination form accessible at www.marshall.edu/alumni. Also, a form may be requested by calling Sharon Peters at the Alumni Relations Office at ext. 2901. Once completed, the form should be sent to Peters at the Alumni Relations Office.

The award will be presented during the Alumni Weekend awards banquet April 26. The recipient must be available to attend.

State Farm Supports Teacher Certification

State Farm Insurance has awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, enhancing a partnership that helps West Virginia teachers attain national certification.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) awards national board certification, the highest professional credential in the field of teaching, to teachers who successfully complete a rigorous, performance-based assessment.



Representatives of State Farm Insurance and the Marshall University Graduate College posed with an oversized check representing the most recent gift from the company to the college's teacher certification program.

During the past three years, State Farm has provided nearly \$10,000 to support Marshall's Accomplished Teaching Project, a graduate-level program that improves preparation of area teachers seeking to obtain national certification. A total of 85 West Virginia teachers have attained National Board certification, which takes nearly a year to complete.

"The NBPTS certification process provides teachers the opportunity to evaluate their abilities against the rigorous standards set by their peers, for their profession," said Brett Kelly, a Charleston State Farm agent.

Dr. Ron Childress, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, praised State Farm for their contributions. "With State Farm's continued support, we are making tremendous progress in our efforts to increase the number of high quality teachers in West Virginia."

Award-Winning Author to Read

Meredith Sue Willis, a Shinnston, W.Va. native who has written 12 books of fiction and non-fiction will read from her work at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the Marshall University Memorial Student Center's Shawkey Room.

Willis' work includes *Higher Ground*, *A Space Apart* and *In the Mountains of America*, which is a collection of stories. Her most recent novel is *Oradel at Sea*, released by Vandalia Press (West Virginia University Press). Copies are available at the MU Bookstore and will be available at the reading.

Relay for Life Team Begins Organization

An organizational meeting to form a Relay for Life team to participate in the Huntington event to raise money to fight cancer, is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, March 28 in the Memorial Student Center, Room 2W37.

Joan St. Germain, Associate Professor of Theatre, hopes to have enough participants to form a team and be part of the Huntington Relay, scheduled for Saturday, June 8.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life is a 24-hour team relay event to raise awareness of cancer in the community and to raise funds to help fight cancer. It is also a 24-hour celebration of life honoring cancer survivors while also remembering those who have died from the disease, and proclaiming hope for a cancer-free future.

The majority of proceeds from the relay goes to help support the services of the American Cancer Society in local communities.

CLC to Teach Cold Fusion

Cold Fusion training seminars, creating database driven Web sites, will be offered by the Computer Learning Center on the South Charleston campus beginning next week. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Level I will be offered March 25; Level II, March 26; and Level III, April 9.

For additional information, or to register, contact Martha Pierson at 746-2062.

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Sharma, who received his M.B.A. from Marshall in 1983, is the President and CEO of Global Marketing Systems Inc., which is headquartered in Cumberland, Md. He founded the company in 1992, beginning operations from the basement of his house. The company buys old ships for resale to ship recyclers and has been the leading buyer of U.S. Maritime Administration vessels and among the largest buyers of Russian navy vessels in the world. Prior to founding GMS, he was a tenured professor of marketing and chair of the Business Administration department at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

Rulli, who received a B.B.A. from Marshall in 1979, is the chief administrative officer of the Indianapolis-based real estate development and management company, Simon Property Group. The company is a real estate investment trust which, through its subsidiary partnerships, is engaged primarily in the ownership, development, management, leasing, acquisition and expansion of income-producing properties, primarily shopping malls and other retail centers. Prior to joining SPG, he worked for Meret Inc. and Lazarus Department Stores.